



COUNTY OF TRAVIS §
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 STATE OF TEXAS §


ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, Section 352.081 of the Local Government Code provides that the commissioners court of a county by order may prohibit outdoor burning in the unincorporated area of the county if the commissioners court makes a finding that circumstances present in the unincorporated area create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and,

WHEREAS, the Travis County Commissioners Court does hereby find that circumstances present in all of the unincorporated area of Travis County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ORDERED that outdoor burning is prohibited in all of the unincorporated areas of Travis County as follows:

- (1) Actions prohibited:
 - (a) A person violates this order if he/she burns any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or orders such burning by others.
 - (b) A person violates this order if he/she engages in any activity outdoors, which could allow flames or sparks that could result in a fire unless done in an enclosure designed to protect the spread of fire or orders such activities by others.
- (2) Enforcement:
 - (a) Upon notification of suspected outdoor burning, the fire department with jurisdiction for the location of the fire shall respond to the scene and take immediate measures to contain and/or extinguish the fire.
 - (b) As soon as possible, a duly commissioned peace officer shall be sent to the scene to investigate the nature of the fire.
 - (c) If, in the opinion of the officer on the scene, the goal of this order can be attained by informing the responsible party about the prohibitions established by this order, the officer may, at his or her discretion, request compliance with it. In such instances, an entry of this notification containing the date, time and place of the warning, along with the name of the party receiving the warning, shall be forwarded to the office of County Judge.
 - (d) In accordance with Section 352.081 of the Local Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$500.
- (3) This order does not apply to outdoor burning activities:
 - (a) related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for:
 - (A) firefighter training;
 - (B) public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations; or
 - (C) planting or harvesting of agriculture crops.
 - (b) that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.
 - (c) that involve the performance of **outdoor** combustible operations, including but not limited to, outdoor welding, cutting or grinding operations and outdoor hot works

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 By: _____
 Andy Brown, County Judge